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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**FISH AND GAME COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES**

Thursday, May 24, 2007 Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 374-A

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

John Hybarger, Chairperson  
Sandra Aronberg  
Timothy Jones

**STAFF PRESENT**

Peter Papadakis  
Janice A. Davis

**EXCUSED ABSENCE**

Bradley Nuremberg

**INVITED GUEST**

Miriam Long, Deputy, Second District

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Hybarger called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 11, 2007 MINUTES**

**On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the January 11, 2007 minutes with the following corrections.**

On Page 3, under topic; *"Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Current DFG Recommendations for the 2007-08 Deer Hunts Effective Within Los Angeles County"*, Chair Hybarger requested the last sentence; *Chairperson Hybarger and Mr. Villepique concurred that sheep disease adversely affects the sheep population*, be moved to the last sentence under topic; *"Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Participation in the Annual San Gabriel Mountain Bighorn Sheep Survey and Anti-Poaching Program Focused on the Bighorn Sheep Population".....*

On page 3, under topic; *"Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Current DFG Recommendations for the 2007-08 Deer Hunts Effective Within Los Angeles County"*, last sentence, change sheep population to *deer population.....*

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF**

Mr. Peter Papadakis, Staff, Commission Services, introduced Janice A. Davis, who will be the new staff member from Commission Services working with the Fish and Game Commission. Ms. Davis comes to the Commission with a great amount of experience gained while working at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center for the past (23) years. Ms. Davis is looking forward to working closely with the Commission.

## **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Staff reported the current Fish and Game Commission fund balance is \$87,379.04.

**On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously received and filed the financial report.**

## **GRANT REQUEST FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2<sup>ND</sup> SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 TO PURCHASE CATFISH TO STOCK KENNETH HAHN LAKE FOR THE AUGUST 3, 2007 "FISHING IN THE CITY" EVENT AT THE KENNETH HAHN REGIONAL PARK**

Miriam Long, Deputy for the Second District reported:

- Last year's event hosted (400) children but there were only (350) Mc Donald's' breakfasts provided. For this year's Fishing in the City event, they will be accepting donated breakfasts from another vendor.
- Security is important to prevent foster parents from taking the children during the event. Los Angeles County police officers will be on site during the event.
- The Department of Fish and Game will be stocking the fish at \$3.00 a pound for the fish in the amount of \$3,000. The State will match the amount of fish purchased.
- The Commission was thanked for supplying (300) rods and reels, but an additional (100) were requested in order to fill the demand for this event.

**On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the grant request for \$3,000 to purchase catfish to stock the lake for the August 3, 2007 "Fishing In the City" event at Kenneth Hahn Regional Park.**

## **GRANT REQUEST FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY 4<sup>TH</sup> SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 TO PURCHASE CATFISH TO STOCK LA MIRADA LAKE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2007 "KNABE KATCH" FISHING DERBY AT LA MIRADA PARK**

This item was deferred to the July 12, 2007 meeting.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SURVEYING SURF FISHING – COMMISSIONER ARONBERG**

Commissioner Aronberg reported to the Commission:

- Milton Love, Ph.D., from University of California Santa Barbara will be conducting a study on near shore fishing and asked if the Commission would like to participate in the study.
- Dr. Love requested a letter in support of his study from the Commission to the State so that he may receive a Grant.
- The fish usually caught in these waters are halibut, perch, guitar fish, and leopard sharks.

**On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved a letter be prepared in support of a Grant for near shore fishing.**

**UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION FIREARM CLOSURE MAP**

Staff Peter Papadakis reported to the Commission:

- The Game Commission Firearm Closure map needs to be updated since the current version was designed in 1994.
- Discussions with the Department of Public Works and U.S. Forest Service are underway regarding map redesign.
- The U.S. Forest Service reported that there are only two target areas remaining in the Angeles Forest, “A Place to Shoot” and “Burro”.
- The options for designing a newer map are that it can either be scanned and edited (a quicker process), or reprint the map with extra features.
- Mr. Papadakis called Regional Planning about the white areas on the map because those areas have been inhabited and populated since 1994.

The Commission proposed drafting a Board letter requesting a new map be designed because of public safety concerns.

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT**

Commissioner Jones reported to the Commission:

- The Working Group of the U.S. Forestry Service and the State Department of Fish and Game held an event at Crystal Lake. Approximately 150-160 children from the Dan Hernandez Youth Foundation and the Los Angeles Conservation Court attended however they planned for (200) children.

Commissioner Aronberg reported to the Commission:

- The representatives who attended a meeting at Fred Hall, regarding camp closures only knew about the State Fish & Game Commission and were unaware of the L.A. County Fish & Game Commission.

Chair Hybarger recommended the Commission look into hosting an annual event at a location like Crystal Lake. He said it would be a good public relations gesture for the Commission.

**Matters not on the Posted Agenda (To be Presented and Placed on the Agenda for a Future Meeting)**

Chair Hybarger discussed:

- Researching how County fishing violation citations are being processed. Many Los Angeles County fishing areas are never visited by game wardens so citation counts are uneven. The data he wants collected include: i.e., which lakes get fined the most, how many citations are written each year, etc.
- Signage at County lakes for limiting the number of fish that can be caught to regulate the fish population and prevent abusing fishing privileges. It would also decrease the amount of citations written.
- A scroll/certificate of recognition for services rendered for former Commissioner Drummond will be made.
- Sales of hunting licenses have dropped in the State of California, according to Western Outdoor News.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice A. Davis*  
Commission Services Division